## STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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<u>To:</u> All Motor Vehicle Service Contract Providers, Motor Vehicle Service

Contract Administrators, and Motor Vehicle Manufacturers

Subject: Ch. 59B Procedures and Requirements Applicable to Motor Vehicle

Service Contract Providers, Motor Vehicle Service Contract

Administrators, and Motor Vehicle Manufacturers as of August 1, 2008

## **Purpose**

Before August 1, 2008, MINN. STAT. § 65B.29 (2006) regulated motor vehicle service contract providers and motor vehicle service contract administrators. Section 65B.29 was repealed during the 2008 Regular Session.

As of August 1, 2008, motor vehicle service contract providers, motor vehicle service contract administrators, and motor vehicle manufacturers must comply with ch. 59B. Compliance with ch. 59B entails new procedures and requirements for motor vehicle service contract providers, motor vehicle service contract administrators, and motor vehicle manufacturers. This Bulletin explains some of those new procedures and requirements.

## PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS

The initial requirements for transacting business as a service contract provider, which are now applicable to motor vehicle service contracts providers, are set forth in § 59B.03. Section 59B.03's initial requirements and some related matters are summarized in the following list.

- 1. Each provider of motor vehicle service contracts to be sold in Minnesota must file a registration with the Department of Commerce on an application form prescribed by the Commissioner. The application form is available at Contract Provider Registration Application.
- 2. The annual registration fee is \$750 dollars.
- 3. A motor vehicle manufacturer that issues motor vehicle service contracts is not subject to the registration requirement. However, "motor vehicle manufacturer" is defined in § 59B.02, subd. 5a, and those that issue motor vehicle service contracts are subject to certain nonregistration-related provisions in ch. 59B, which are laid out in § 59B.01(d).

4. Each motor vehicle service contract provider must comply with at least one of the financial responsibility requirements in § 59B.03, subd. 4.

Ch. 59B is available at Office of the Revisor (Statutes). The Act amending ch. 59B and repealing § 65B.29 is available at Office of the Revisor (Session Laws).

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